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TO: [REDACTED] (DDP/TRO)

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FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Conference [REDACTED]

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1. I attended the conference at [REDACTED] on training on 14-15 January. This memo is in response to your request for a brief critique of that conference.

2. OTR is to be commended for its efforts to publicize its operations training plans and facilities, and in general for the way in which it organized this conference. It has obviously had practice! In the brief time available OTR managed to convey a clear picture of the course content, staff, and facilities. This was greatly aided by having the chance to talk at some length with individual instructors over cocktails and at the smoker.

3. The only major criticism I would have-- and a change in this might make the next such conference even better-- is that there was relatively little opportunity during the formal meetings to ask questions or make comments which occurred ^{to us} during the day. I suggest that there need be less hurry to break off at 1630 for cocktails, and that up to an hour be devoted at this time for a group discussion of selected questions. In order that this period be as profitable as possible, the attendees should be alerted to it in the morning. In addition to questions or comments which the group might have, the staff might also use this occasion to get views and suggestions from the attendees, such as comments on the value and efficacy of the current training program.

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